

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JUNE 28, 2012 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

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Council Member Norman called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Max Brown, Commission Member  
Paula Kelly, Commission Member  
Beverly Emerson, Commission Member  
Elaine Bremner, Commission Member  
Dave Puzas, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Iris Dobler, Chairperson  
John O'Neill, Vice Chairperson

Council Members Present

Linda Norman

Guest Present

Constance Howard, AmeriCorps VISTA  
Cheryl Barton, Yavapai Co. Medical  
Reserve Corps

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no one present to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 24, 2012

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Puzas seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Constance Howard was present to give the Commissioners more information about her project and what they needed. She has been developing a program for Education of Emergency Preparedness. They want to develop a listing of those who do not have transportation, handicap or dependent on others, and provide them with an emergency kit. They will need help in getting the items for the kits, since the County can not solicit for donations. They have been talking to church groups also about helping with the program. They hope to distribute the kits and then do a periodic visit to be sure the kit is still complete and usable. There is no other service of this type in our area. Following some questions and answers, the Commissioners decided they would like to talk about this item at the next meeting when all the Commissioners were present.

b. The Commissioners discussed the idea of having a table at the Verde River Days event on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Two or three of them will not be available that day, plus, they were not sure what information they could provide. So it was decided not to participate in the event this year.

c. The Commissioners talked briefly about working with groups of kids interacting with Seniors to celebrate special events. It was pointed out by one or two that the various retirement homes or senior facilities usually have a Events Coordinator who plans special events as needed.

c. During the discussion of finding ways to get information out to the seniors in our community, Commissioner Emerson reported that she had attended an event in Prescott where she received a 24 page informational guide provided by Harmony Home Care. The guide can be found at [www:chooseharmony.com](http://www.chooseharmony.com). An agenda for an event held at the Prescott Adult Center titled "Abuse: There's No Excuse" was also shared with the Commissioners. There were several speakers involved in the event. There was some discussion about the Senior Commission hosting such an event in Cottonwood.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bremner reported the Senior Center will receive \$2,900. from the proceeds of the Prime Time Fair, and they collected \$600. from the sale of food.

Commissioner Bremner reported that she will be interviewing a lady who could possibly provide the referral service that has been discussed in the past. She would be based at the Senior Center and would be provided through a Title 5 Program.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Puzas to adjourn. Commissioner Bremner seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.